

BUDGET DAY —introduced BY VICKY

"Daily Mirror" Reporter
TODAY is Budget Day, the day, usually, of "taxes on" and "taxes off."

What tax changes, if any, will Chancellor Butler make? He is said to have more than £100,000,000 "surplus" from the last Budget.

The changes will be announced somewhere about 4.30 p.m. — when "the City" has suspended buying and selling for the day—an hour after the Chancellor's speech begins.

The hour will be taken up with facts about the state of Britain's finances.

Budget Day is Parliament's day of days—when there will be few absent M.P.s.

But one M.P.—and a very important one, too—will be missing.

Speaker Goes

He is Mr. Speaker. He will have been banished from his place by vote of the House, a relic of the days when the Commons so feared the Crown that all money matters had to be discussed behind locked doors, and Mr. Speaker was sent away in case he told tales.

(Vicky (below) has his own views on that £100,000,000 surplus. . .)

ATTLEE CHALLENGES CHURCHILL—

H-BOMB IS NOT A FORCE FOR WORLD PEACE

IN a dramatic speech to a tense House of Commons, Mr. Attlee yesterday challenged the Churchill theory that the H-bomb was a deterrent to war.

"There is a danger," he said, "that people will chance making war in the belief that the H-bomb will not be used. . . ."

"The fact is that once there is a war in the modern age—absolute war—in the last resort, if the existence of a nation is at stake, any weapon will be used."

And he asked: Who could doubt that even at the very end of the last war, Hitler would have used the atomic bomb if he had had it?

He said that ANY new war, even "a small war," must be avoided.

But Sir Winston Churchill blamed the former Labour Government for the deterioration of Anglo-U.S. atomic relations. His speech then developed into a wrangle with the Opposition.

PREMIER IN CLASH

A CLASH between SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL and MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE caused uproar during the H-bomb debate.

The Premier in his speech revealed that he made a secret agreement with President Roosevelt on atomic energy in 1943.

He argued that it was the Labour Government's fault that America had passed an Act later to ban exchange of information.

This was challenged by Mr. Attlee.

There were loud cries of "Resign" by Labour M.P.s, and Mrs. Bessie Braddecock shouted: "Why don't you get out?"

When Sir Winston said: "I trust nothing will be said in the House today to raise antagonisms against America," there was a renewal of the cries of "Resign."

MR. ATTLEE was loudly cheered when he rose in a crowded House to move Labour's motion proposing Churchill-Malenkov-Eisenhower talks on the H-bomb.

He opened with the declaration:

"I move this motion in no party spirit. I seek no party advantage, nor do I offer any criticism of this or any other Government."

"I move it with no feeling or expression of feeling of panic, because we do not panic in this country, but because I believe there is need for a calm and realistic appreciation of the position of the world today."

"We believe that civilisation is in grave danger."

"We face today a new situation in the history of the world."

Mr. Attlee said that the hydrogen bomb could devastate any of the world's great cities.

The Japanese fishermen

A CLEAR VERDICT

HERE are the latest figures in the Mirror inquiry on: (1) Whether Churchill should invite Eisenhower and Malenkov to H-bomb talks; and (2) whether Churchill should ask that H-bomb tests stop meantime:

YES to both questions	21,207
NO to both questions	346
YES to 1; NO to 2	228
NO to 1; YES to 2	291
YES to 1 only	129
YES to 2 only	456
TOTAL	22,657



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